

COUNCIL

14 SEPTEMBER 2023

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman's Visits and Functions Attended

1. A list of functions attended by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of Council since the last meeting is attached.

Death of Andy Roberts

2. The Chairman was extremely saddened by the death of Cllr Andy Roberts on Thursday 10 August 2023, following a short illness.

3. Andy was first elected to the County Council in 2001 and represented Claines until 2005, and he was then elected to serve Warndon Parish from 2009.

4. He held key Cabinet Member roles in both Education and Commissioning and Transformation, before being appointed lead member for Children and Families in 2017, committing himself to championing the needs of children and families across the county.

5. Andy was instrumental in leading the improvements in Children's Services over the last challenging six-year period, culminating in an Ofsted rating of 'Good' in their most recent inspection of Children's Services in July.

6. Alongside the many other roles he undertook during his service as a Councillor, including Chairman of the Corporate Parenting Board, Andy was a Governor of Lyppard Grange Primary School and Northwick Manor Junior School, as well as Chair of Governors of Riverside School and a number of PRUs/alternative provision.

7. Andy's funeral service took place at Worcester Cathedral to a packed congregation on Monday 4 September 2023, which is testament to the great affection with which he was held.

8. Andy was a totally dedicated and well-respected Councillor who worked tirelessly to support the community he served, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

9. The Chairman extends his deepest sympathy to Andy's wife, Frances, his children Victoria and Wayne, and all his family and friends at this very sad time.

National Social Work Awards 2023

10. The County Council have received two nominations for this year's National Social Work Awards 2023 that recognise excellence in social care throughout England.

11. The Adults with Learning Disabilities South Team are nominated for the Team of the Year, Adult Services Award. The Team is nominated for their fantastic work supporting people with a learning disability and their carers in Worcestershire.

12. Angell Phoenix, a Social Worker from the Mental Health North Social Work Team, has been nominated for the Newly Qualified Adult Social Worker of the Year Award. She is being recognised for her achievements within her area of work, supporting people with mental health needs. The award nomination is for those with less than one year's experience who have made a positive difference to the lives of adults through their outstanding work.

13. Teams and individuals have been nominated across 18 different categories and the winners will be announced at an awards ceremony which will take place at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, London on Friday 3 November 2023.

14. The Chairman would like to congratulate the nominees and extends his very best wishes for November.

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